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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 27TH 1909.

NEARLY every mail from England recently has brought news of questions asked in the House of Commons regarding the British section of the Kowloon-Canton railway, the interrogator being Mr. GINNELL, the Nationalist member for West Meath. We are not aware that Mr. GINNELL has any personal interests in Hongkong, and, knowing absolutely nothing of the hon. member's career, we are unable to explain the obviously very close attention which he has been paying to the undertaking. Irish Nationalist members of Parliament, as a rule, manifest so little interest in anything that concerns the British overseas dominions that Mr. GINNELL's interest in the politico-economic questions associated with railway enterprises in China, and in the Kowloon railway in particular, is all the more astonishing. We have previously said that there has been nothing strikingly new to Hongkong readers either in the questions put in Parliament or the replies made to them by the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding the line in which

this Colony is specially interested. The questions have been those which we have ventilated ourselves, and the replies have been a repetition of statements made in the local Legislature by H. E. the Governor. The latest questions on the subject, however, form an exception to this rule, and require a modification of our statement as to their statements. We have received by the Siberian mail an extract from the "Times" giving the replies of the Under Secretary of State to two further questions put by Mr. GINNELL at the end of August, and these contain statements which certainly will strike our readers as being not only new, but manifestly absurd. Mr. GINNELL asked the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he would give a brief abstract of the figures of the Chief Resident Engineer of the Kowloon Railway "showing how it was alleged that this railway could ever pay working expenses, interest, and repay the principal spent on its construction, even as an extension of the Canton Railway, in competition with the shorter navigable river, which had cost nothing; and whether he had any corroboration of those figures from any competent person not dependent on the Crown Agents." We were not aware until we saw this that the Chief Resident Engineer had prepared any such figures; we cannot, moreover, see how it is possible for any man to estimate the profits of a railway yet uncompleted—especially such a line as the British section of the Kowloon-Canton railway; nor can we recognise it as being within the province of the Chief Resident Engineer to attempt such a fatuous and impossible task. But COLONEL SEELY, greatly to our astonishment, replied that he understood the Chief Resident Engineer to be "now preparing a revised estimate of profits, and in the circumstances it would be useless to give an abstract of the figures supplied some years ago." Will some member of the Legislative Council kindly ask for this most interesting estimate, which was prepared "some years ago," to be laid upon the table for public information, together with the "revised estimate of profits which the Colonial Office understands the Chief Resident Engineer has been recently preparing? These documents would certainly be no less interesting to the community of Hongkong than to the member of Parliament representing the constituency of West Meath. Railway profits! Alas! it must be said that either the Under Secretary of State is very ill-informed on the subject, or he is greatly lacking in a sense of humour. No member of the Colonial Legislature, we are sure, so lacks the grace of humour as to make the application to the Government we have facetiously suggested. How is it possible for such estimates to have been prepared by the Chief Resident Engineer or anybody else? It might have been reasonable to expect that the line would soon pay its way if its cost—including all provision for sidings, workshops, wharves, &c. suitable to the seaport terminus of a great trunk railway—had not exceeded the original estimate of half a million pounds sterling; but he would be a very sanguine man, indeed, who would venture to calculate on profits being made on twenty-two miles of railway co-terminus with all the terminal appurtenances, not less than a million pounds sterling. The only prediction that can be made with any sort of assurance whatever is that there will be no direct profit on such a costly line for some years to come. All we can hope for in the next decade is that the indirect benefits of the railway will be so substantial that the annual demands made on the Colonial Treasury for railway account will be offset to a considerable extent by the increased prosperity of the Colony to be anticipated from the opening up of the interior of the vast Empire of China.

The German Mail of the 26th August was delivered in London on the 24th instant. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Chia Sheng to be a public vaccinator within the Colony and the New Territories. Captain J. W. Saunders, formerly master of the Pacific Mail liner *Manchuria*, is now in command of the *Newport* of the same company which runs to Panama. His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 15 of 1909, entitled—An Ordinance to transfer to certain officers of the Public Service certain duties at present performed by other Officers. H. E. the Governor has directed that the Harbour Master shall, for the time being, cease to perform ex officio the duties of Superintendent of Imports and Exports under the Raw Opium Ordinance, No. 9 of 1897, the Sugar Convention Ordinance, No. 14 of 1904, and the Liquors Ordinance, No. 27 of 1909, and has appointed Lieut. C. W. Beckwith to discharge these duties until further notice. Mr. G. H. Seidmore, late American Consul at Nagasaki, is shortly to be transferred from Kobe to take charge of the American Consulate-General at Seoul. His successor at Kobe has not yet been appointed. H. M. S. *Clio* arrived in port yesterday little the worse for the two typhoons she encountered on her way down from Shanghai. After leaving the anchorage in Haiten Straits, where she sought shelter, the sloop put into Amoy on the 23rd inst. Two natives were at the Magistracy on Saturday fined \$100 each for having been found in the unlawful possession of 39 bags of vermicelli which had been washed overboard from a steamer at Green Island and discovered and secured by the prisoners. Cable communication with Sharp Peak is restored, but owing to the interruption of the landline thence to Foochow, there is delay at present on Foochow telegrams. The Foochow-Formosa cable being interrupted, Formosa telegrams can only pass via Japan. Mr. J. S. Dobie, the Hongkong agent of The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, informs us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 11th September amounted to 25,552.30 tons and the sales during the period to 27,193.40 tons. One of the water police was severely maltreated the other day when he went on board a dust boat in the harbour to effect the arrest of some people who had been in the habit of dumping rubbish into the harbour. The occupants set upon him and fractured his skull with a chopper. He was taken to the hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. With the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne to be Deputy Registrar and Appraiser of the Supreme Court; Mr. E. Ralph to be second master of Queen's College; and Mr. D. W. Trueman to be second Assistant Registrar-General. Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, superintendent of the Imports and Exports office, notifies in the *Gazette* that O flag yellow and red diagonal yellow to the mast shall in future be the call flag for a Preventive Officer by any ships requiring such an officer; and such flag shall be flown by all King's Warehouse lighters taking dutiable cargo. The Colony's financial statement for the month of July, published in the current *Gazette*, shows the balance of assets and liabilities on June 30th to have been \$401,486.94, added to which the \$631,217.36 revenue for July makes a total of \$1,032,704.30. Subtracting from this the July expenditure of \$432,551.82, the balance in hand is \$600,152.48. The Colonial Treasurer's statement of the Colony's assets and liabilities on July 31st shows the assets to total \$975,995.71, while the total liabilities are \$379,823.23. The reimbursement due by railway construction account, less the credit balance on account of 1909, is \$1,118,667.11, while the balance of assets (general account) stands at \$1,718,859.59. A telegram received in Shanghai through official sources says that Congress has appropriated \$100,000 for China trade and the U. S. State Department is organizing a great Far Eastern Bureau, among the members of which will be Mr. Williams (Consul-General at Tientsin), Mr. Heintzmann (Vice-Consul-General, Shanghai), and Mr. Miller (Secretary of Legation at Tokio). Mr. S. Okuyama, of Amoy, has resigned his seat on the Kulsung Municipal Council owing to his departure from the port. The Council has accepted the resignation with regret, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Okuyama the Council's thanks for his services whilst a member. The Council further unanimously decided to invite Mr. K. Tsumdaraba, of the Taiwan Bank, to fill the vacancy. H. E. Li Chi-ch'iu, Commissioner, who staided constitution in Japan, the other day presented a memorial to the Throne, stating that in the Japanese constitution the best points in foreign constitutions have been adopted, and under it all important State affairs are decided by the Sovereign, before being put into operation. Such a system, says the Commissioner, is suitable for China and should be adopted in all essentials. 'The Prince' Regent concurs with the Commissioner's views. Mr. William Rublee, who was appointed to succeed Dr. Wilder as the United States Consul-General at Hongkong, hopes to arrive here early in December. Mr. Rublee has quite recovered from his recent illness which necessitated a surgical operation at Vienna, and is now in the enjoyment of better health than he has had for years. Mr. Stuart Fuller will leave Hongkong shortly after Mr. Rublee's arrival to take up his new appointment as United States Consul at Gottenburg (Sweden). Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippine Islands, we learn from our Manila contemporaries, is booming. Among other things it is announced that the Baguio Land Development Co., with a capital of \$200,000 (gold), organized by H. Phelps Whitmarsh, manager of the Benguet Commercial Co., has taken over a large block of land in the business centre of the town owned by the Whitmarsh interests, and intends to erect modern business houses thereon in anticipation of the boom Baguio expects to have next season. The stock has been largely subscribed, mostly by English capital in China. There are 10,000 shares of a par value of \$10 each. Mr. Whitmarsh, who is in China at present, expects to return sometime next month, and the new company will commence active operations at that time.

TELEGRAMS.

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BRITISH POLITICS.

THE IMPENDING GENERAL ELECTION.

LONDON, September 25th. Numerous announcements are made daily of Parliamentary candidates in view of the General Election which is considered imminent. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain will again stand for West Birmingham, and as a mark of sympathy the Liberals are not opposing his election.

LATER. The political ferment is reflected in the papers, which are absorbed in discussions as to the date of the Election.

The Radicals give January as the date, and the Unionists November.

Both parties agree in predicting that the House of Lords will take some action in regard to the Budget, but they differ in their views concerning the method of rejecting the proposals which the Lords are likely to adopt.

SCHOOLS FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES IN LONDON.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

LONDON, September 26th.

The Report of the Treasury Committee upon the organisation of Oriental studies suggests that the school in London be managed by a Delagacy under the supreme control of the Senate of London University. It is proposed that two delegates be nominated by the Crown to represent the Government Departments interested, and that the China Association, the Royal Asiatic Society and other bodies might be represented on the Delagacy.

The Committee estimates the annual cost of maintaining the school at £1,725, and urges the Foreign Office to consider the advisability of altering the conditions for appointment to interpreterships in China and Japan, so as to provide for a preliminary period of study similar to that required in the case of similar appointments in the Levant.

The Committee lay emphasis on the fact that the Chinese and Japanese languages require special aptitude in the wastefulness of sending out unsuitable men.

They urge upon the Colonial Office that cadets for Ceylon, Hongkong and the Straits Settlements should also undergo probationary training in the languages spoken in the Colonies.

The Report refers to the commercial advantages gained by the Germans in the Far East as being due to their greater linguistic attainments.

MARRIAGE OF MR. HARRY HANCOCK.

Mr. Harry Hancock, son of Mr. Alfred Hancock, late of Hongkong, was married last month at the Brompton Oratory to Miss Ethel Wright, daughter of Mr. William Wright, late of Clifton, Bristol. The Rev. Arthur Talbot officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Sturtis, was attended by Miss Truscott, who wore a dress of pink Shantung silk and carried a bouquet of white lilies. Mr. Alfred Smith acted as best man.

The Tariff Revision Law of the Philippine Islands, approved August 5, 1909, becomes effective at all ports in the Philippine Islands at 12.01 o'clock a.m. October 5, 1909. All merchandise that may have arrived within the jurisdictional waters of a port of entry in the Philippine Islands prior to that date is dutiable under the provisions of the Tariff Revision Law of 1905, unless duly entered in bond within ninety days after arrival of the importing vessel. All merchandise arriving on and after 12.01 o'clock a.m. on October 5th is dutiable under the provisions of the Tariff Revision Law of 1909.

ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON.

INDUCTION OF THE NEW INCUMBENT.

Yesterday morning the induction of the Rev. H. O. Spink to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, took place. There was a large congregation to witness the induction ceremony, which was conducted by his Lordship the Right Reverend Dr. Lander, the Bishop of Victoria, and the clergy present were the Revs. E. J. Barnett, G. A. Bunbury and A. D. Stewart. His Lordship preached the sermon, in the course of which he said that they were gathered together that morning to induct their new chaplain. The Rev. H. O. Spink came to them with an excellent record. Educated in a public school he had had the advantages of a business training in London, then he graduated at Durham University with first class theological honours, and for the last five years he had been working with much acceptance and manifest blessing in two of the most important parishes in the Diocese of Liverpool. He had come to work in Kowloon because he believed that God had called him to do so, and that morning he (His Lordship) desired to give him and the congregation as well a watchword and a motto. It was to be found in the 11th Chapter of St. Mark's Gospel at the 22nd verse—"Have faith in God." The Bishop then discoursed on this text, saying that they applied to all phases of life. The grand antidote to discouragement and to being down-hearted was to have faith in God. There in in Kowloon they had open before them great opportunities. In that part of the vineyard of God they had perhaps one of the most beautiful churches in the Far East, equipped in every way and now also supplied with a well-appointed vicarage house. He rejoiced that there was here a nucleus of zealous-hearted Church people who desired to further the Kingdom of God in that place, and that surrounding the Church there were British speaking people who were far away from home, and who by that very fact needed a shepherd to guide them and who would respond, he was persuaded, to sympathetic brotherly appeal. This set before them a great door of opportunity, but it was not without its difficulties. Nothing that was worth doing in life was without difficulties. There were difficulties from the very smallness of the British community. In their home parishes the people had generally the choice of many places of worship. If their tastes were what was called High Anglican they could generally find a Church which would suit them, or if their tastes were in the other way they could also have them satisfied. It was not so here. There was but that one Protestant place of worship to which all who desired on this side of the harbour must come, and therefore it was obvious that in the congregation there were bound to be diversities of thought. There would be some who would like one form of service and some who would like another. It was absolutely impossible for any man to please all people. A man must go where God led him and must exercise his own conscience and do what he thought to be right. Then all right-thinking people would rally round him. And there were other difficulties in any Colonial place. There were the influences of the non-Christian atmosphere in which people lived. It was disappointing, was it not, to find that the Lord's Day in the East was much more like a holiday than a holy day, to find that too many altogether disregarded the house of God? These things were depressing and saddening to any minister of the Gospel, so that he needed to hear the voice of Jesus saying to him "Have faith in God." That was the message, too, to those of the congregation. He thanked God that they had been able to keep together as they had during these eight months that they had been without a shepherd, and he asked, and knew that he would not ask in vain, for their cordial support of the new minister. Would they be loyal to him and loyal to their Church? Would they give him their forbearance? For, as he had said, it was impossible for him to please all. He was certain to make mistakes. It had been well said that the man who made mistakes seldom made anything else. But he asked above all that they would give him their prayers not only in that institution service but also in their homes. But after all the blessing which was to attend that church did not depend upon their new chaplain, it depended upon no amount of parochial organisation or financial support. It depended upon God Himself. Let them look up to Him then, and in the work of the Church they would have faith in God.

At the close of the ordinary service the Vicar-elect was accompanied to the chancel by Mr. Packham, vestryman, who formally presented him to his Lordship. Mr. Spink then made the usual declaration assenting to the Thirty-nine Articles and the Book of Common Prayer and subscribed the oath of allegiance to His Majesty the King and the oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop of the Diocese. This was followed by prayers, and his Lordship placing his hand on the head of the Vicar inducted him to the charge of the church and congregation. The service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

ST. ANDREW'S R. A. CHAPTER.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

We do not need to look at the calendar to know that summer is practically over. The sting has been taken out of the heat, and though some may perspire as much as ever there is no doubt that we have many cool spells. The winter's sport and pleasure are beginning to stand out distinctly. Not only football and cricket clubs are in fulling in preliminary practice, but already we have had one or two dances and others are certain to follow.

This fear expressed by some of the unofficial members that the police would not interpret the Liquor Law aright has been justified. It is whispered that one enterprising detective discovered an old woman taking two bottles of brandy out of the colony and he promptly arrested her. When he took her to the Police Station he discovered his mistake, and it required some tact and other considerations to appease the old dame who had been made to lose the steamer by which she intended travelling.

It is too bad to make a joke and not have it appreciated, especially when it is an unusual effort. The Chief Justice introduced a nice little humorous allusion into a solid and solemn judgment the other day, and the Pressmen were so astonished that their pencils failed them. The joke would have been lost had the Chief Justice not made a determined effort to rescue his little owl from oblivion and repeated it the next day.

Hongkong has done well in the water. Don't misunderstand me. This is no reference to compulsory abstinence from other liquors. I mean that our representatives distinguished themselves against the Shanghai men in aquatics and won the flag which the sister port provided for the greater number of wins. I am told that the Hongkong team has accepted an invitation to visit Shanghai next year and they will do well if they hold the trophy against the swimmers of that city.

We have had our growl about the new import duties, and while we may feel inclined to kick ourselves for not having bought more largely in view of the increased prices, the operation of the Ordinance does not now appear quite so bad as many people imagined. It was thought by some that the harbour trade would be killed by the impost, but all the grumbling done over that has been unnecessary, as the fears which gave rise to it were quite unfounded.

It seems to me that on the whole the Government is to be congratulated for having instituted the new arrangements in a common-sense manner. The iniquitous Customs service with its numerous indignities has yet to be created. At present it only exists in the fervid imagination of misguided oracles, and the quiet way in which the new revenue officers go on board steamers and intimate that duty will have to be paid on any liquor which is being imported is a striking contrast to the frenzied utterances of those who could not find language strong enough to denounce the proposed change.

Of course, difficulties will arise and problems will come up for settlement, but if the same level-headed common-sense methods continue to characterise the administration as at present we need have little fear as to the results as to the future.

One problem which has been suggested to me is that if a picnic party wish to enjoy themselves decently, say, on the other side of Lantau Island, will they be allowed a rebate on their case of whisky which is intended for consumption outside the Colony? I am sure bathing parties would like to know the answer.

"Nobody," says the Well-Informed Person in a Home paper, "has less patience with dandyism or affectation of any kind than Lord Kitchener. There is a famous story of how he found a young officer using a delicately embroidered lace handkerchief. 'And pray, sir,' said the scandalised General 'what may be your taste in hairpins?' " But as usual, the Well-Informed Person misses the whole point of the thing by about five furlongs. As an Indian paper remarks:—It was not the subaltern's handkerchief.

The hatpin nuisance is fortunately not so great with us here as it is in France, where in consequence of the many accidents which have taken place due to these barbarous accessories of feminine attire, the Prefect of Police in Paris has been advised to make regulations that women shall wear safety shields or point protectors on their hatpins to lessen the risk of accident to their fellow-passengers in omnibuses and trains.

RODERICK RANDOM.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency Senhor Rocadas and family passed through Hongkong on Saturday. His arrangements did not permit him to accept H. E. the Governor's invitation to stay at Mountain Lodge, but he accepted an invitation to an informal lunch at 1 o'clock. Captain Taylor met the party in Hongkong, and escorted them to Mountain Lodge, those present including: Their Excellencies Senhor and Lady Rocadas and Miss Rocadas, Captain Pacheco, ex-Chief of Staff, Macao; General Sir J. Macdonald, Senhor Cinatti, Captain Norton, Captain Almeida, of the *Vasco da Gama*; Mr. and Mrs. Bodeley and the Misses Courauro. His Excellency and party left in the afternoon by the German mail steamer *Derfflinger*.

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THE INTERPORT CARNIVAL

HONGKONG VICTORIOUS.

Probably never in its history has there been such a large attendance at the V.R.C. as that which assembled on Saturday to witness the fight for the flag between Hongkong and Shanghai. The Club was thrown open to ladies, and there can be no doubt from the large number which attended that they were as keenly interested in the interport competition as were local sportsmen. The enclosure had been enlarged by the mooring of another lighter alongside the stand from which the races started. The galleries on both lighters were packed with spectators, while all the available space on the Club premises from which the sport could be viewed was crowded with spectators, ladies being in attendance as early as three o'clock in order to secure favourable positions. The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., was present, also Commodore and Miss Lyon, Major Findlay, Cheralier and Madame Volpoff, and Lieutenant Blanche, who in the morning threatened to spoil the last day of the sports, fortunately cleared up, and conditions in the afternoon were as favourable as could be desired. The atmosphere was cool, an overcast sky shielding the spectators from the heat of the sun, while the swimmers were again favoured with smooth water, in which to compete. The band of the Buffs was in attendance, and under the baton of Bandmaster Hewitt, discoursed pleasing selections of music during the intervals between events on the programme.

In the interport competitions on the previous days, Hongkong was one event to the good, the V.R.C. committee having settled the dispute about the High Dive by awarding M. A. R. Souza (Hongkong) first prize, and D. H. Cook (Shanghai) second. On Saturday's programme there were four interport competitions, and as the result of these was to decide which team would secure the flag, interest was naturally very keen. A boundless enthusiasm prevailed among the spectators who, when Hongkong had been announced as the winners of the first interport event (the team race), raised loud and long cheers to the victors, and cheered them again when they secured the second interport championship, the running header. The next event, the interport 200 yards, went to Shanghai, the crack swimmer of this Shanghai team, McCabe, defeating Humphreys easily. That a healthy spirit of sport prevails in Hongkong there can be no doubt after the flattering reception accorded McCabe. His splendid achievements in the three days' sport won the hearts of all genuine sportsmen, and his great feat of beating Cooke, the strongest long-distance swimmer in Hongkong, will keep his name green in the annals of the Colony's aquatic sport. On Saturday he was, without doubt, the hero of the hour, and this was abundantly made manifest at the presentation of prizes in the gymnasium when the sports had concluded. When the last event was over the large number of spectators crowded into the Club to witness the distribution of prizes by Miss Lyon. As each winner stepped forward he was loudly cheered, but not one of the many competitors was cheered half so loud or half so long as McCabe. The mention of his name was the signal for a mighty outburst of applause, and each time he received a well-won cup and acknowledged the congratulations of the spectators he was cheered again. At the conclusion of the presentation, and after Mr. Fowler, the captain of the Shanghai team, had returned thanks for the reception accorded his men, and had invited a Hongkong team to Shanghai, there was a call for McCabe. The Shanghai champion, in a typical Irish speech, returned thanks for the flattering reception accorded him. His remarks appear at the end of this report.

The meeting was under the management of the following officials:

President: His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Chairman: Mr. A. Rodger.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. D. Elias.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. Lamert.

Judges: Messrs. M. McVey, J. Rodger, H. B. Bridger, A. N. Kemp and L. E. Lamert.

Referee: Mr. G. A. Caldwell.

Starter: Mr. T. Meek.

Handicappers: Messrs. T. Meek, A. A. Claxton, A. E. S. Alves, A. H. Carroll and H. C. Sayer.

Official Time-keepers: Messrs. R. Galluzzi and W. A. Craik.

Results of the various events follow:

HURDLE RACE.

B. G. Withall, scratch, 1

F. L. Roza, 5 seconds, 2

Time—45 3/5 seconds.

The four starters in the final of this event were R. C. Withall, J. M. R. Pereira, F. L. Roza and A. J. V. Ribeiro. The distance was two lengths, and there were four hurdles. The race was Roza's all the way to the last hurdle, where he was overtaken by Withall and defeated in the final spurt.

INTERPORT TEAM RACE.

Hongkong team composed of C. Humphreys, C. J. Cooke, R. C. Withall, A. A. Claxton and P. M. Remedios, 1

Shanghai team composed of R. W. McCabe, E. Prince, W. Jones, C. W. O. Mayne, and G. J. Robinson, 2

Time—3 min 40 4/5 sec.

McCabe and Cooke were the first two to start and McCabe secured a lead of some two lengths on Cooke. Then Robinson and Remedios took the water, and the Hongkong swimmer soon made good the loss and gave the home team the advantage of a lead of four lengths. Claxton was followed by Jones, but the latter was unable to lessen the gap. Withall and Prince were the next starters, the former having a long lead. Prince reduced this slightly, but when Humphreys took the water, followed by Mayne, it was apparent that Shanghai had no chance. Half-way in the second

length Humphreys slackened speed, apparently to play to the spectators, but Mayne was too far behind to overhaul him. This unnecessary action on the part of the Hongkong swimmer prolonged the time taken for the race.

RUNNING HEADER INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. B. Silva, 1

C. E. Harrop, 2

In this event three tries were allowed, and points were given for form, style, entry and recovery. The competitors were:

Hongkong: W. G. Goggia, G. Collins, C. E. Harrop, F. B. Silva, B. A. Carvalho, M. A. R. Souza, and H. W. Petersen.

Shanghai: G. W. O. Mayne, E. Prince and W. Jones.

After all had had three tries Silva and Harrop were singled out for another dive, after which the judges decided on awarding Silva the first and Harrop the second prize.

TWO LENGTHS' HANDICAP.

R. C. Silva, 10 seconds, 1

P. C. Fenwick, 7 seconds, 2

Time—49 3/5 seconds.

The starters in this final were P. L. Roza, P. C. Fenwick, R. C. Silva, R. C. Withall and J. M. Roza Pereira. The swimmers kept close together until the turn, when Silva and Fenwick struggled for first place. Half-way home Silva took the lead, and although Fenwick tried hard to head him he was unsuccessful.

200 YARDS INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.

R. W. McCabe (Shanghai), 1

C. Humphreys (Hongkong), 2

Time—2 min 37 3/5 seconds.

There were four starters in this six lengths race, Humphreys and Cooke representing Hongkong, and McCabe and Robinson representing Shanghai. The swimmers got an excellent start, and McCabe was the first to turn, being closely followed by Humphreys with Cooke third and Robinson fourth. In the third length a good push off enabled Humphreys to draw level with McCabe, the pair swimming several yards ahead of Robinson and Cooke. Until the last length Humphreys and McCabe kept close together, Cooke being entirely out of the running and Robinson having given up. The struggle now followed between Humphreys and McCabe, who traversed three parts of the distance 'hous-neck and neck'. Then McCabe put on the final spurt, to which Humphreys was unable to respond, and the Shanghai representative won the race by six lengths, his success being heralded with great cheering.

CONSOLATION RACE.

R. Lapsley, 1

A. H. Carroll, 2

INTERPORT WATER POLO.

The last item on the day's programme was the interport polo match between teams representing Shanghai and Hongkong. In this event the visitors were unfortunate in being unable to turn out at full strength, two of their men being ill. One of them, however, took the water to make up the team, but he was in no fit condition to do so. Even with a full team, it is scarcely likely that Shanghai would have succeeded in vanquishing the representative team which Hongkong placed against them. There was a lack of combination with the visitors, a slowness in securing, and a want of practice in throwing the ball, which marred their game. The players were:

Hongkong: L. Lamert, Corporal Burke, R. C. Withall, A. E. Alves, J. M. R. Pereira, C. J. Cooke and A. H. Carroll.

Shanghai: G. W. R. Wilson, W. Jones, D. H. Cooke, R. W. McCabe, P. Fowler, C. W. O. Mayne and T. E. N. Rosser.

C. J. Cooke secured the first throw in, and passed the leather to Pereira, whose attempt to net went too high. Cooke secured the ball again and gave Carroll an opportunity, but this was cleared by Wilson. A rapid move on Pereira's part, however, was successful, for before Wilson was ready for the next shot the ball landed in the net, putting Hongkong one up. The Shanghai defence had a strenuous time during most of the half, but McCabe proved the team in the side of the local men, for it was due principally to his exertions that the visiting team did not suffer a greater defeat. In a move towards the Hongkong stronghold Mayne essayed a long shot, striking an upright, Lamert then passed the leather on to Burke, who carried it along the wing and put in a shot which Wilson conceded a corner to save. A second corner followed, a struggle ensued, and the ball was netted for the second time.

Half-time: Hongkong, 2 goals; Shanghai, nil.

In the second moiety Rosser went into goal for Shanghai, and Wilson took his place in the forward line. The change proved of no advantage, however, for Hongkong became aggressive as soon as the whistle sounded, and Rosser allowed an easy shot of Cooke's to pass him, thereby putting the local men three up. McCabe relieved the next pressure, but the result was brief, for the leather was passed to Burke, who throughout played a splendid game, his rapid moves on the wing always defeating his opponent. On this occasion he swam up to the net and sent in a stinger which the Shanghai keeper had no possibility of saving. Shot succeeded shot at the Shanghai net after this, but the goal remained intact until the finish. The final stages saw Shanghai fighting hard for a point, but their weak attempts were foiled by the watchful Lamert. Jones succeeded in eluding Cooke on one occasion, and a smart swim enabled him to try a shot, but this was easily cleared by Lamert, and Hongkong were again becoming aggressive when the whistle sounded.

Final: Hongkong, 4 goals; Shanghai, nil.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

An adjournment was then made to the Gymnasium, where Miss Lyon presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

Mr. T. E. PHAROS, Acting Chairman of the V.R.C., in asking the lady to undertake this

task, remarked that this was an historic day in the annals of the Club. Not only was it 50 years old, but they had the pleasure of welcoming from Shanghai aquatic swimmers who had shown what long-distance swimming was (Hear, hear). He was sure that every swimmer in the Colony was pleased that interport swimming had been started. It had taken fifty years to get a move on, but now that it was started they were not going to let it drop, and he hoped that in a few years' time they would be able to welcome Shanghai again. (Hear, hear). He was pleased that Hongkong had come out on top, but it should not be forgotten that the Shanghai representatives came here to swim in strange waters and in different conditions. He wished specially to mention the long distance swimming of McCabe (Applause)—and also the names of the swimmers who had upheld the reputation of Hongkong—Humphreys and Clarke (Applause). It had been said that Prince was a terror, and it was unfortunate that he should have been unwell before he came here. He hoped that next time this swimmer met Humphreys it would be in a Shanghai bath. He had to thank the Shanghai swimmers for a cup they had donated for the hundred yards championship. The speaker was pleased to see so many ladies in attendance, and they were deeply indebted to Miss Lyon for attending to present the prizes. (Applause). He asked that lady to proceed with her task.

On the prizes being awarded, and on Mr. Llewellyn Lamert taking charge of the Water Polo shield, which had been won by the V.R.C., Miss Lyon was presented with a pretty bouquet of flowers, and was accorded three hearty cheers, and a "tiger".

PARTING WITH THE FLAG.

Mr. Fowler then stepped forward and said it devolved upon him, as captain of the Shanghai team—to be sorry to say—leave their flag behind. Shanghai recognised that they had been thoroughly defeated by a strong combination of good swimmers and divers. He thought, however, that they had not been disgraced on account of the magnificent swimming of the gentleman who had been applauded so heartily and whose success was so greatly appreciated by the people of Hongkong and the team of which he had the pleasure to be captain. (Cheers). On behalf of the Shanghai team, and on behalf of the swimmers of Shanghai who had assisted in sending the interport team here, he invited Hongkong to send a representative team to Shanghai next year, so that they might have an opportunity of regaining the first swimming flag that had left Shanghai. It was no easy task to get together a representative interport team, but he assured those present that the team brought to Hongkong was a representative one in every sense of the word, both as regarded interport swimming and aquatic events. He had much pleasure in handing over the flag, but he trusted that next year a Hongkong team would be sent to Shanghai to give them an opportunity of recovering their loss. (Applause). Mr. PHAROS, in accepting the flag given with so much grace, accepted the challenge of Shanghai on behalf of Hongkong swimmers. They would do their best to send a team to Shanghai next year, and would try to take another flag. (Applause). At any rate the Hongkong swimmers would give Shanghai every chance of winning back their flag.

The Shanghai swimmers then gave three cheers and a "tiger" for Hongkong, and the compliment was returned.

This should have ended the proceedings, but the spectators wanted to hear Mr. McCabe, and in response to their vociferous calls the Shanghai swimmer stepped forward. He thanked all very much for calling on him to make a speech, but said speech-making was not exactly in his line, especially after the strenuous time he had during the last three days. It surprised him that he had been able to secure any prizes here at all after the hospitable way he had been entertained. (Hear, hear). He did not say it was done on purpose to interfere with his swimming, but he had had the time of his life. He had to thank all for the reception accorded him, which passed all expectations. He trusted that when the Hongkong swimmers went to Shanghai next year they would do better in swimming than they had done on this occasion, but to do so they would have to train in the meantime. (Applause).

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A very successful series of boxing contests was brought off in the City Hall on Saturday night in the presence of a well-filled house. The bouts were promoted by Mr. R. H. Whitaker, whose name when connected with any boxing contest is a guarantee of its genuineness. Mr. "Jack Dempsey" made an impartial referee, while the timekeeping was in the capable hands of Messrs. S. Kelly and G. Glover, and Mr. E. Kennedy acted as announcer.

The first event of the evening was an eight round bout between Stoker P. J. of H.M.S. Cadmus and Gunner White (of the 88th Co., R.G.A., both of whom entered the ring at 9 stone. The fight was of short duration, for after a few exchanges the stoker got a somewhat lucky right on to White's jaw, and the soldier was counted out. Later in the evening the winner challenged Williams, of the R.G.A., to fight any number of rounds for any purse or any side but the latter wished to put up.

The second fight of ten rounds was between Bandman Willis of the 8th and Tom Willis of the Naval Yard. Willis being entered at 12 stone and Wilks at 10 stone 11 lbs. This bout, while it lasted, was productive of some very hard hitting. Willis forced the fighting after the first round, but many of his rushes were stopped by Wilks's right. The third round was Willis's, the bandman scoring right and left. Willis fell on his hip, and although the gong saved him from being counted out, he threw up the sponge. He was rather seriously hurt, however, for he left the hall with a limp.

Kid Marriot of the Naval Yard and Seaman Stevens of H.M.S. Cadmus were the next to enter the ring for a six round bout. The weights were announced as 116 lbs. In Stevens, a novice in the ring, Marriot ran up against one of the few "tough propositions" he has met in the Colony, and one who, with a little more experience, will prove a formidable rival. In the first few rounds of this event many of the spectators thought it was a spar, as Marriot was indulging in his well-known sparring tactics, probably thinking he had an "easy thing" on hand. He soon settled down to genuine work, however, when he found that the little seaman, notwithstanding his lack of ring-craft, was a dangerous antagonist with which to play. The fight throughout was a very clean one, and as both men had scored well in the various rounds, the referee's decision, "a draw," was a popular one.

After an exhibition spar between Williams and Meyer of the 87th Co., R.G.A., a ten round bout was announced between Gr. Arundel, 88th Co., and Gr. Hubbard, 87th Co., R.G.A., the weight of each man being 140 lbs. Right through the ten rounds the fight was a willing one, both men taking severe punishment. Throughout the contest Hubbard continued to place solid right swings on his opponent's ribs, while Arundel's left generally found Hubbard's jaw, and occasionally his right crashed over the heart of the 87th Co. man. In most of the rounds Arundel scored heavily, but Hubbard showed a remarkable capacity for taking punishment, and with true bull-dog grit stuck to his cleverer opponent. Arundel tried hard for a knock-out, but the hardihood of Hubbard buoyed him up to the end, and then he appeared to be fit for many more rounds. Arundel won the fight on points.

The main event of the evening was between Bill Lewis, the clever Canadian boxer, and Seaman Roberts of H.M.S. Kent. Lewis' weight was announced at 137 lbs, and Roberts at 135 lb, and the contest was to be twenty rounds of two minutes' duration. It was not expected, however, that the fight would continue as long as it did. Seaman Roberts is a very good man; but he is not in the same class as Lewis, who, had he desired, could have finished the fight earlier than he did. The first few rounds were "feeler" rounds, but in the third Lewis placed a few lefts on the seaman's jaw, and Roberts retaliated with some solid right swings. In the fifth and sixth rounds Roberts scored with rights to the jaw, but the seventh round was all Lewis', his left jabs to the point and right swings to the ribs having a visible effect on Roberts. In the eighth and the final round Lewis continued to batter his opponent, finally placing him *hors de combat* with a left uppercut to the jaw. There was a cry of "foul" from Roberts' supporters, who claimed that Lewis had hit in a clinch. This was not the case, however, for Roberts was just clear when the winning blow was struck.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING DYEING CO.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in the above company was held on Saturday morning at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (members of the consulting committee), Messrs. A. Denison, E. Orniston, E. Shaw, R. S. Piercy, W. Clarke, Lo Cheung Shui, Ho U. Shang, Ming Kee, and Yuen Hop.

The Secretary Mr. W. M. Fleming having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose with your approval to take them as read. The result of the working account for the year shows a profit of \$25,734.62 as against \$23,356.30 for the previous year, the production for 1908/1909 being increased to 12,539 bales, from 7,977 bales in 1907/08. The balance at profit and loss account now stands at \$29,306.51, and your directors recommend that after writing off furniture account, \$3,209.49, the balance, \$26,097.02, be carried forward to the credit of the present year's account. The small stock of yarn unsold on 31st July has now been disposed of at above the taking-over price. The stock of cotton was valued at a safe figure and the cotton market has since advanced. In view of the activity in the yarn market in Shanghai, the result of the year's working must be considered as disappointing, but it must be remembered that the local market has by no means advanced *pari passu* with the rise in the north. We have again experienced considerable difficulty in securing an adequate supply of labour, and there has also been a very noticeable falling off in the physical condition of those seeking employment, so much so that it was found necessary to increase the scale of wages by about 12% in order to attract a better class of workpeople. An improvement has been observed during the last two months and the mill is now in full working. The general managers, finding that extra European supervision was absolutely necessary for efficient working, engaged a competent spinning master in Lancashire and he arrived in the Colony in April last. Mr. Alfred Shaw, broke down in the Spring to such an extent that he had to be sent to Europe on a year's sick leave, and during his absence Mr. P. S. Jameson has been acting as Mill Manager. The increase in European supervision has already proved undeniably efficacious in improving our production. Arrangements have been made by which the number of local buyers is increased, and steps have also been taken to increase the direct business with the nearest coast ports, such

as Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. The immediate outlook cannot be considered as favourable, the abnormally high price of the raw material making it extremely difficult to effect sales of yarn at profit, while it is necessary to buy cotton in order to secure supplies to keep the mill running. Before asking you to pass the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions concerning them. There being no questions, the report was adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Sir Paul Chater.

Mr. ORNISTON moved and Mr. A. DENISON seconded the motion that Sir Paul Chater and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar be re-elected to the consulting committee.

Mr. HUNTON POTTS was re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr. LO SHUNG SHUI, seconded by Mr. PIERCY.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

WILLIAM POWELL AND COMPANY.

The eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the company's office on Saturday. Mr. G. C. Moxon presided and there were also present: Messrs. E. H. Hinds, P. H. Smith, J. M. Wong, Mauricio and Mr. Harry Byre (Manager).

The notice convening the meeting having been read:

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I will with your permission follow the usual custom and take the reports and accounts now before you as read. The balance of profit at credit of working account as you will see is \$3,235.56 against \$2,021.64 last year, which I think, in view of the depressed state of business and the huge rent we now have to pay may be considered fairly satisfactory. Your board would have greatly liked to recommend a dividend, but after much consideration they have decided it wiser not to do so, having in mind the possibility of new competition the general dullness that seems to have become chronic, and the desirability of keeping down the indebtedness to the company's bankers. It is therefore recommended that \$580.86 should be written off furniture and fixtures and to carry the balance forward. I would here point out that nothing has been written off this item since 1905, and as a large portion of our present fittings may not be suitable for new premises we consider this a favourable opportunity to make provision for same. A revival in the trade of the Colony has been looked for this year, but I regret to say that in common with other local businesses of our character hopes have not materialized. However, shareholders have this satisfaction: they have a clean stock and up-to-date, all book debts as appearing in the account are good, and there is still a balance of old stock left valued at \$15,000, which will be gradually realized. So far as working expenses are concerned, I am of the opinion they have been reduced to the minimum compatible with efficiency and no stone is left unturned to keep up sales. Our chief trouble is that we are saddled with an old lease which compels us to pay rent out of all proportion to our turnover and is a severe handicap. This will cease about eighteen months hence, and the question of a saving in this direction is having the very earnest consideration of your board. We undoubtedly get our full share of such business as is going, and in view of the present sound condition of the company I see not reason why we should not prosper and are long to be in a position to resume the payment of regular dividends. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall have pleasure in replying to any questions that you may wish to the best of my ability.

There being no questions, the report was adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. WONG.

Mr. WONG proposed the re-election of Messrs. Hinds and Moxon as directors. Mr. MAURICIO seconded and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. HINDS, seconded by Mr. EYRE, Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-elected auditor.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen.

The Report was as follows:—

The directors beg to submit to shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1909.

The profit for the year, including the sum of \$3.95 brought forward from last account and after allowing for bad and doubtful debts, amounts to \$6,372.19, and your Directors recommend that this amount should be absorbed by writing off fixtures and fittings \$5,590.86 and carrying forward the balance, \$782.03.

It will be noted that of the stock which was written off when the capital was reduced, there is on hand an amount estimated to be worth \$15,000.00.

Directors—Messrs. E. H. Hinds and G. C. Moxon, the retiring directors, are eligible for re-election.

Auditor—The audited accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, who offers himself for re-election.

G. C. Moxon, Chairman.

Hongkong, September 1st, 1909.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ending 30th June, 1909.

To directors' and auditor's fees ... \$1,550.00

To bad and doubtful debts ... 426.62

To balance ... 6,372.89

By balance from last account ... \$3,349.51

By dividend from investments ... 94.00

By transfer fees ... 15.00

By balance of working account ... 8,235.56

3,345.56

\$8,349.51

No questions were asked, and the report and accounts were adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. T. F. HUGHES.

On the motion of Mr. HUGHES, seconded by Mr. CHAN TONG, the Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and L. Shawan were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. DUPREE proposed, the CHAIRMAN seconded, and it was agreed that Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. R. Lowe should be re-appointed auditors.

The CHAIRMAN—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I am sorry we have not got a better report, but I hope next year we shall be able to show you something better. Many things may happen between this and then.

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To sundry creditors ... 15,655.67

To unclaimed dividends ... 27.80

To Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, overdraft ... 19,232.76

To old stock as per contra ... 15,000.00

To profit and loss account ... 6,372.89

\$161,289.12

ASSETS.

By stock on hand (as per manager's certificate) ... \$113,017.34

By old stock on hand (estimated value) ... 15,000.00

By Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, dividend account ... 27.80

By sundry debtors ... 19,450.57

By fixtures and fittings ... 11,550.00

By investment at cost ... 366.00

By cash in hand ... 1,232.55

\$161,289.12

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

The twenty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company at noon on Saturday. Mr. H. P. White presided and there were also present: Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Consulting Committee), Mr. J. E. Gomez (Secretary), and Messrs. T. F. Hough, W. S. Dupree and Chan Tong.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting:

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, We will, with your permission, take the report and accounts as read. It is a matter of great regret that we are not able to come before you with a more satisfactory statement, and are not in a position to declare a dividend, but as you are aware the past year has been one of extreme and continued depression, and while cargo has been scarce there has been an ample supply of tonnage to compete for the moderate offerings, and rates suffer accordingly, while working expenses have been made in the report of accidents to two of the steamers, and had it not been for these unfortunate occurrences there would

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 30th inst.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected by us in any case whatever.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1909. [1245]

REMOVAL.

I HAVE REMOVED my Office to No. 41, WYNDHAM STREET.

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1909. [1201]

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1909. [1140]

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Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS.
That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—
(a) In Article 65 the word "Five" shall be substituted for the word "Twenty".
(b) In Article 86 the word "Three" shall be substituted for the word "Ten".

NG LI HING,
General Manager.
Dated the 14th day of September, 1909. [1205]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

THE DRAWING OF 60 DEBENTURES of the CLUB GERMANIA, Payable on THURSDAY, the 30th September, 1909, will be held at the Club, at 6 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 29th September, 1909.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

For the Committee,
J. C. KITZMANTL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1909. [1228]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE

THE SIXTEENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB (1896 issue \$100.00 each) was held in the Hongkong Club House on SATURDAY, the 18th September, 1909, when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:

8	426	875	1186	1676
42	456	941	1245	1719
71	501	962	1277	1722
76	524	965	1429	1744
113	524	976	1445	1753
129	545	995	1468	1780
157	576	1024	1477	1804
186	590	1033	1500	1812
257	601	1049	1513	1853
272	740	1052	1520	1898
341	803	1067	1524	1908
364	832	1068	1590	1950
376	835	1120	1596	1996

and will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on THURSDAY, the 30th September, 1909, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
JAMES CHALK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1909. [1219]

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, Sept. 30th, 1909, at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., at 5.30 p.m.

Business. To receive report of Committee for Season 1908-1909, elect Officers for Coming Season, and transact General Business.

HERBERT L. O. GARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1909. [1229]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd October, 1909, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1909. [1214]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd October, at 12.15 P.M., at the Office of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road, a Notice regarding which is being sent to each Member.

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Hongkong, 18th September, 1909. [1215]

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DAVID WOOD,
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Hongkong, 7th September, 1909. [1174]

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Goods not cleared by the 29th inst., at 6 A.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 9.30 A.M. on the 28th inst. No Claims will be admitted after delivery of the Goods has been effected to Consignees, and same must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, otherwise they will not be recognized.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1909. [1236]

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THE Steamship
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 9.30 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 2nd Oct., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1909. [5]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship
"KIPANO MARU,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.
Goods not cleared by the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1909. [1239]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"NIPPON,"
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1909. [3]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.
Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1909. [1]

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [665]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
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6 hours.
Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 P.M.,
will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees
and the Company's representative at an appointed
hour. All claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognized. No claims will
be admitted after the goods have left the
Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th September, 1909. [1]

A COLLECTION OF STORIES.

A good story is told concerning the late
Dean, Lecky's powers of persuasion in obtaining
money for Church or philanthropic projects.
The Dean was present at a dinner party, and in
the course of conversation quoted several
quotations and amusing epigrams which he had
some across during his career. "Talking of
epigrams," remarked one of the guests, "I know
one which would be particularly suitable for
you, Mr. Dean. 'Indeed,' said the Dean
laughing, 'and pray what might it be?'"
"And the Dean died," was the reply.
Nobody laughed more heartily than did
the Dean.

The "unkindest cut of all" among un-
intentional sayings capable of a satirical applica-
tion was that of an old pew-opener in a southern
country. She was in attendance on the rector,
the churchwardens, and a city architect down
with a view to church restoration. Said the
architect, pointing the rector with his cane,
"There's a great deal of dry rot in these pews."
Mr. Hector. "Before the latter could reply the
old woman cut in with, 'But law, sir, it ain't
nothing to what there is in the pulpit.'"

Mr. Arthur Severn has been telling some in-
teresting Ruskin stories at the opening of the
exhibition at Kewick arranged by Mr. Gill
Parkin, of the Ruskin Museum in Sheffield.
Ruskin once employed a dear old Constable
builder to build a bridge for him. One day the
builder, being short of funds, went in fear and
trembling to Ruskin, knowing how kind-hearted
generally the great man really was. After hear-
ing the builder's story Ruskin promptly wrote
him a cheque for £100, simply saying he should
require a receipt for it. Said the old man sor-
rowfully, "I shall have to put a cross, for I
can't write." Ruskin at once sprang to his feet
and shook the builder by the hand, exclaiming:
"Now I know how it is—you're such a good
builder, I congratulate you."

"A Rip Van Winkle" has appeared in
Rangoon," says the Rangoon correspondent of
the Pioneer, and after a sleep of fifty-five years
has awakened to find that Rangoon has changed
since its annexation. "In 1854 grants of
land along the river front were made to a num-
ber of individuals, these lands being described as
shipbuilding and timberyard allotments, because
these were the only industries then in existence.
Nowadays there are, beside timber yards, rice
mills, breweries and other industries, while
shipbuilding, as then understood, has departed.
But Rip Van Winkle, in the person of the
Collector of Rangoon, does not see why these
changes should have taken place, so he has
served notices on a number of present holders
of these allotments to show cause why their
lands should not be taken from them in that they
have been put to uses not contemplated in 1854."

On some of the American railways the new-
paper-men are allowed to travel "on their card,"
and it is not infrequently the case that a
freelance, desiring to visit some distant
place, decided to see how far on his journey
bluff would take him. With a great assumption
of importance he boarded a train, saying to the
conductor: "I'm Stubbs, of the New York
Herald. Haven't got a card on me. It's
all right, I suppose?" "Come right in,"
replied the train attendant; "we've got
the editor of your paper on board this very
train, so he will be able to identify you."
With his card in his pocket and seeing nothing
in store for him but a gratuitous exposure, he
followed his guide into the presence of Mr. Much
to his astonishment, the editor merely re-
marked: "Quite right, conductor. This
gentleman is a member of my staff," and began
talking as though he knew him quite well. The
attendant withdrew, and the dumfounded
journalist thought he had better make a clean
breast of it, as the great man was evidently
taking him for someone else. "When he had
finished his confession the other just drawled:
"Guess we are both on the same lay, sonny. I
was in a big funk as you. As it happens I'm
not the editor."

"Orlinance" is the title given to the fol-
lowing story published in the Pall Mall Gazette:—
I sat in the cosy parlour of the old Somer-
setshire inn, leisurely sipping my mug of home-
brewed ale, while the good landlady prepared my
supper. Outside, the heather-carpeted
Quantock Hills basked in the mellow splendour
of the declining sun. The day had been cloud-
less, and there was every promise of fine weather
on the morrow.
In the kitchen the usual company was as-
sembled. The landlady, round and ruddy-
faced, beaming benevolently on her customers;
the village schoolmaster laying down the law
with his accustomed accuracy; the driver of
the daily coach to the nearest market town; a
small farmer; two sheep shearsers; and last, but
not least, a drill-sergeant from a neighbouring
district, who was staying on furlough with his
mother.
As I sat there gazing out on the sweet Somer-
setshire landscape, fragments of the conversation
drifted across the passage and arrested my
attention.
"Mr. Poncebrey be the finest musician in
these parts," I heard the landlady say.
"Ah, that he be," chimed in another voice;
"he be a main wine playun on the carnet."
"Ees," said another; "he do play the carnet
tunful, he do play 'Life's a Boomer'."
"That be a terrible ticklish thing to play,"
said the sergeant, solemnly.
"It do be at that, youm right," said the
farmer. "I knows, 'es I've tried to larn at
myself."
"Twas Mr. Poncebrey," broke in the land-
lady, "who larn Miss Browne down to
Slowcombe to play the argan. I do mind," he
continued, slowly, "one Zunday three years
agone, when the choir was wambling like. Mr.
Poncebrey he got up from the argan, and he
tuk the tenor part, and he tuk the bass part,
and he tuk the alto part, and he pulled 'em
all together."

The recital of this last wonderful achieve-
ment on the part of Mr. Poncebrey elicited
a chorus of admiration from all assembled. I
was about to make some inquiries concerning
this extraordinary individual, who could emulate
Cerberus, in being three gentlemen at once,
when I was summoned away to supper. When
I returned, I took up my position at the
kitchen door. The conversation had ceased
to general, and had narrowed down to
an argument between the two sheep-shearsers,
apparently as to the circularity of the globe.
"I say they woolovers in Larnum be ad-
wangs," declared the older of the two energeti-
cally—a white haired old fellow with horned
spectacles which gave a weird solemnity to his
aspect. "I say the world be vlat."
"No, no," said the other, a slack-tongued,
shambling young man with straw-coloured hair.
"The world be round, allus was, and allus will
be."
"If the world be round," said the old man,
"how bet us can see the coast of Wales you
durr?" He pointed with his pipe across the
Seyvern Sea, now shining like molten gold in
the setting sun.
"If the world be vlat," queried his opponent
triumphantly, "how bet that the tides do oom
and goo?"

The other reflected a few moments, and then,
taking his pipe from his mouth, "There be
ordnances," he said solemnly, and paused to let
the tremendous word sink into the understand-
ings of his hearers, "there be ordnances ap-
pointed by which the tides do oom and goo."
Ordinances did it. A deep breath of admir-
ation went round the assembly. The young
man, utterly worsted, looked wildly round the
room to catch some friendly suggestion. None
came.
"The world be round," he said at last,
feebly.

ROCKFELLER'S RICHES.

Mr. Rockefeller, who had only £1,000 in 1865,
is to-day worth about £140,000,000. This
computation is made by the financial expert
of the New York World, who declares further
that the Standard Oil King, if he lives until
1919, and attains his eightieth birthday, of
which there seems every chance, will be worth
£200,000,000. Personally, Mr. Rockefeller has
always been very secretive regarding his fortune,
says the "World" contributor, but reliable
figures exist, and it is known, for example, that
Mr. Rockefeller's holdings in the Standard Oil
Company alone have increased by £16,000,000
in the last two years. Standard Oil stock sold
the other day at 712, the highest price it has
reached since the summer of 1907.

Like a snowball rolling down a hill, Mr. Rock-
efeller's wealth is steadily growing and growing,
and (says the Telegraph's correspondent, who
sends the message) except by big donations he
seems powerless to check it. Some years ago
the Oil King was quoted as saying that he had
not more than £6,000,000, but the latest
approximately accurate estimates available place
his fortune in 1905 at least at £110,000,000.
Accepting the rate of increase between 1905
and 1909 as the basis of his estimate, the expert
asserts that Mr. Rockefeller will unquestion-
ably be a dollar billionaire in 1914, and the first
in the history of America. Since 1882, when
the Standard Oil Company, which pays a
dividend of 4 per cent. a year, was organised,
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dividends, and of this sum Mr. Rockefeller's
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for this port on the 21st inst. p.m., and may be
expected here or about the 29th inst. p.m.
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for this port on the 25th inst. at 7 a.m., with
the outward English Mails, and is due here on
the 29th inst. at about 4 p.m.
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